

NORBERT KENNETH AULT

Age 79, of Houston, Texas, passed away on Monday, January 22, 2024, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Bert was born on June 19, 1944, to Kathleen and Kenneth Ault in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In Bert's junior year of high school, he met his wife, Donna, to whom he had been married for 32 years. They had four sons together, Greg, David, Blair, and Aaron. After losing Donna, Bert blessedly met, fell in love, and married JoNell, who has been his partner in all ways for 21 years. JoNell was Bert's rock, and her personality perfectly complemented his.

One of Bert's biggest passions was travel, which he enjoyed during the 20 years he worked for Thrustmaster of Texas, a leading company in the marine industry. Among the many places Bert visited were Dubai, Vietnam, the Netherlands, and Greece. He and JoNell discovered the beauty and hospitality of Cabo San Lucas, and vacationed there every chance they had, relaxing with beautiful sunsets, friends, and family.

As cliché as it may be, God broke the mold when he made Bert. He will be remembered for his bigger-than-life personality and propensity for pranks and love of a good joke. He lived by the mantra 'the more the merrier', always happy to host a crowd for happy hour, a holiday meal, or just a weeknight dinner. Truly Bert never met a stranger in his life.

Bert will be greatly missed by his wife, his sons, his son-in-law, Rusty Hawbaker, daughters-in-law Kerri and Tabatha, and grandchildren Kaitlin, Ethan, Brodie, Evan, and Ashlynn. He is survived by his siblings and their spouses Kenny (Mimi), Maureen (Dick), Gary (Roseann), Tim (Karen), and Marcia (Darryl), along with many nieces and nephews, all of whom he adored. His family will mourn the loss of this larger-than-life man but is committed to keeping his always-optimistic, fun-loving, big-hearted, spirit alive.

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